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To Whom It May Concern:

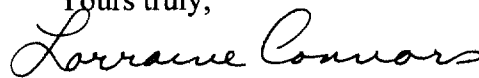
A year and a half ago, I underwent a total hysterectomy which brought on menopause immediately.

I come from a family with a strong history of cancer on both sides. My father died from cancer and so did his sister (from breast cancer at the age of 46). My mother is a breast cancer survivor but she lost two sisters to cancer (one at the age of 32 from breast cancer; and one from ovarian cancer). My first cousin has just been diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer which is the worst type of breast cancer you can get. Coincidentally, her mother was my mother's sister who died from the disease at age 32. Needless to say, I was very concerned about taking hormones to alleviate my menopausal symptoms. However, after doing considerable research, my doctor and I decided that natural estrogen and progesterone would be the safest way to go.

I have been taking these hormones and receive my prescription from a pharmacy in Wisconsin that is experienced in compounding these medications. There was no local pharmacy that was able to supply this medication for me. Not only have all my symptoms been relieved but also I have the piece of mind that I am helping my body; not hurting it. I have had no unpleasant side effects associated with these hormones.

I urge you not to adopt any bill that will eliminate women from getting these necessary prescriptions from the pharmacies that are trained and equipped to do so. These prescriptions are a necessary part of our lives.

Yours truly,

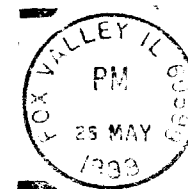


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